

**Minutes of the QUALANOD Technical Committee meeting
held on 25 June 2008 (8:00 – 12:15 a.m.)
in Hotel Melia Sitges (Spain)**

TC members:

ESTAL

J. Bettencourt
R. Boi
R. Furneaux (**Chairman**)
M. Koot
T. Ulucak
R. Wunderlin

EAA

T. Bardh
F. Dijkstra
P. Leclainche
W. Mader
A. Mafezzoni

Guests:

Å. Broli (EC, *for part of the meeting*)
P. LLoret (EC)
P. de Schrynmakers (*for part of the meeting*)

Secretariat:

J. Schoppig
P. Bellot (minutes)

Apologies:

J. Arenas (EAA)
T. Poulet (EAA)
I. Vermeeren (ESTAL)



A G E N D A

1. **Antitrust reminder**
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2007**
3. **Revised Articles of Association and new organisation of the meetings**
4. **Actions arising from the QUALANOD mission and Article 2**
5. **Abrasion test**
6. **Assessment of new medium temperature process**
7. **Substitution of the phosphoric acid / chromic acid solution**
8. **Anodising temperature**
9. **ISO/TC79/SC2**
10. **ESTAL Joint Technical Committee**
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The Chairman of the Technical Committee, Mr. Furneaux, welcomed the delegates and guests, especially Mr. de Schrynmakers, Secretary General of EAA.

1. Antitrust reminder

By signing the attendance sheet, those present acknowledged that they had been made aware of competition compliance guidelines applying to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2007

Approved with some corrections (*Amended Minutes will be sent to the TC members*).

3. Revised Articles of Association and new organisation of the meetings

Presentation of the objectives and changes in the organisation by Mr. Broli (*Presentation will be attached to the Minutes*)

Presentation of the conclusions of the General Meeting held on 24 June 2008.

4. Actions arising from the QUALANOD mission and Article 2

Actions

- QN Specs to be opened up for other applications
- Analyse different markets for anodised aluminium and recommend modifications to the Specs based on sulphuric anodising accordingly (automotive, aircraft, machining, furniture etc.)
- All actions must be product certification oriented
- Contribute.....: should be tackled by the WG marketing
- EN 15530 "Aluminium (standard has not existed when the new Statues had been approved)
- Sustainable.. : What is the appropriate interpretation in view of actions to be undertaken by QN?
- Many items of new article 2 are already functioning.
- Does Appendix VI need to be revised?

Resolution 1/25.06.08

TC sets up WG 1 (T. Bardh, R. Boi, W. Mader (convenor), a member of ADAL, an expert of ESTAL) to investigate how QN Specs could be modified for different markets for anodised aluminium and proposals should be submitted.

Due date: meeting June 2009; intermediate report on market requirements at the November 2008 meeting

Resolution 2/25.06.08

TC requests the EC to clarify what is meant by the expression “evaluate a sustainable QUALANOD label”

Response of the EC should be communicated to the WG 2 (P. Leclainche convenor, R. Furneaux) who will investigate potential actions and report to the November 2008 meeting.

Resolution 3/25.06.08

TC realises that Appendix VI should be opened to other applications and this will be addressed within the remit of WG 1.

Resolution 4/25.06.08

TC requests the secretariat to obtain a copy of EN 15530 and circulate it to the TC members.

Resolution 5/25.06.08

TC recognises that its mandate includes addressing the aims of article 2 except the 7th and decides that most of those aims have been satisfied within the current organisational structure.

5. Abrasion test**Resolution 6/25.06.08**

TC sets up a WG (No 3, Mr. Boi) which will compare abrasion test with falling sand test and report at the November 2008 meeting.

6. Assessment of new medium temperature process**6.1 Visual assessment of a system after outside exposure (stage C)**

Visual assessment after 3 years exposure in Genoa: POSITIVE

Resolution 7/25.06.08

TC recommends EC - based on Appendix VI - to grant a full approval to the Alufinish medium temperature system. The laboratory in charge should provide a comprehensive final report including the results of the outside exposure and full product identification.

6.2 MSDS of a system in stage B

The company informed the secretariat that they were unable to submit this document and that they were aware of not receiving an approval.

7. Substitution of the phosphoric acid / chromic acid solution

The (old) WG had prepared a report which resulted in several recommendations. Laboratories should be designated to carry out the tests.

Resolution 8/25.06.08:

TC requests Mr. Bardh to investigate whether the SAPA group could support carrying out the tests recommended on substitutes for the CPA test in the (previous but still active) new number 4 WG.

Resolution 9/25.06.08:

TC requests EC to investigate how the development of product performance tests may be financed by QUALANOD.

8. Anodising temperature

Resolution 10/25.06.08:

TC decides to invite Dr. Brodalla to the November 2008 meeting to present his ideas on anodising temperature. He will be invited to attend the first part of the meeting which will comprise solely technical items. Mr. Koot will check his availability. Items regarding statutes and development of the quality label will be designed at end of the meeting.

9. ISO/TC79/SC2

A status report had been disseminating to the TC members.

No action requested.

10. ESTAL Joint Technical Committee

Mr. Furneaux reported on a meeting held on 22 May 2008 in Brussels.

Proposal as a result of that meeting to send a joint letter ESTAL, QN, QC to chemical suppliers regarding pre-registration: proposal not approved yet by ESTAL EC

Incorporation of a European environmental management system into the QN Specs to enhance the value of the label?

The Minutes of the JTC meeting will be distributed to the TC members.

Resolution 11/25.06.08:

TC supports the proposal that ESTAL, QN and QC send a joint letter to suppliers of aluminium surface treatment products concerning REACH pre-registration etc. EAA should also be asked to support this action.

Resolution 12/25.06.08

TC agrees that the QN Specs should not include environmental management system (reference JTC meeting).

11. Any other business

Remarks of Mr. van den Heuvel
No action required.

Statement of the Dutch laboratory (letter to the Dutch association): The lab agreed to stick in more detail to the QN Specs.
TC takes note of this information.

Ambiguity 2.7 Specs and Appendix VI?
No ambiguity found

12. Next meeting

The next meeting would be held on:

**Thursday, 20 November 2008
in Hotel Continental Zurich
(former „Sofitel“)**